ijth August THE SIEGE OF THE GRAVE

Some days since they of the town of the Grave made a sally upon our English approaches, but were at length beat m again, where Sir Edward Cecil, with his whole troop of horse charging them close to the counterscarp, had his horse shot under him and 9 more of his troop hurt or slam Our men lost besides 20 horse, 10 footmen and a captain, 2 lieutenants and 2 ser-jeants The approaches are now advanced close to the counterscarp of the town and they doubt not within thirty days to carry it Sir Francis Vere, being in the trenches, was shot with a musket from the town into the cheek bone of his face, which is all broken , the bullet has gone back towards his neck, nevertheless the chirurgion says there is no danger of his life

August THE CONJUROR AT PLYMOUTH

Sir William Monson being warned by a letter from Mr Secretary that lie should entertain a man suspected to be con-juror now declareth that the whole matter was an accident wherein he was like to have been abused by the folly of the Mayor Sir William had of late a youth that served him that through the extremity of a calenture fell so extreme mad as he was forced continually to be watched and kept in a dark chamber One day observing when all the servants were abroad he broke out of his chamber window and ran to one of his acquaintances in the town and told him that the day before he came into a house at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and saw this supposed con-juror, with six more, all disguised saying Mass, and going into a chamber above he found Sir William all alone When Sir William heard of it and how that the Mayor had searched the

house and the suspected man's house, he went to the Mayor
and showed him how unlike it was any such thing could be, for
that the time of day was against the use of Mass so to be said,
and for Himself he had never been in the house in his life, and
on that day all the men in the fleet could witness he was aboard
from i o'clock until 8 at night Whereupon, after further con-
sideration, the youth was kept that night with a watch to
observe his humour, who report next day that he is found to be
mad , and all to proceed out of an idle brain